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SUBJECT: JAMAICA TO SELL 150,000 METRIC TONS ALUMINA YEARLY  
TO ALGERIA

1. ACCORDING TO FEBRUARY 12 PRESS REPORTS, JAMAICAN REPRESENTATIVES  
SIGNED "DRAFT AGREEMENT" FEBRUARY 11 IN ALGIERS WHEREBY GOJ  
WILL SELL 150,000 METRIC TONS (ABOUT 147,000 LONG TONS)  
ALUMINA YEARLY TO ALGERIA. AGREEMENT CAME AFTER TWO MONTHS  
TALKS BETWEEN ALGERIAN AND JAMAICAN OFFICIALS. PRICE  
AND OTHER TERMS APPARENTLY REMAIN TO BE NEGOTIATED.

2. JAMAICAN MINISTER OF MINES HORACE CLARK DESCRIBED DRAFT  
AGREEMENT AS "MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH", BUT ADDED: " IT MUST  
NOT BE CONSIDERED THAT NEW MARKETS IN THAT AREA WOULD BE  
AT THE EXPENSE OF OUR TRADITIONAL MARKETS". EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
MINISTER  
DUDLEY THOMPSON AND BAUXITE COMMISSION CHAIRMAN PAT  
ROUSSEAU, WHO SIGNED AGREEMENT, ARE REPORTED TO BE LOOKING FOR  
ADDITIONAL MARKETS FOR BAUXITE AND 200,000 TONS OF ALUMINA  
IN IRAN, HUNGARY AND "ANOTHER MIDDLE EAST COUNTRY".

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3. REPORT FROM ALGERIAN NEWS AGENCY (APS) SAID JAMAICAN

ALUMINA WOULD BE SUPPLIED TO A 140,000 METRIC TON ALUMINUM PLANT  
TO BE BUILT IN MSILA, ABOUT 100 MILES SOUTHEAST OF ALGIERS.  
IT ADDED GUINEA WILL SUPPLY SIMILAR AMOUNT OF ALUMINA TO  
PLANT

4. COMMENT : ALGERIA (IF AGREEMENT FINALIZED) WILL BE THIRD  
COUNTRY OUTSIDE NORTH AMERICAN WITH WHICH JAMAICA HAS REACHED  
AGREEMENT SELL EITHER BAUXITE OR ALUMINA. IN 1975,  
MEXICO AND VENEZUELA AGREED BUY ALUMINA FROM JAVAMEX  
PLANT TO BE BUILT IN SOUTHER MANCHESTER

5. COMMENT DRAFT AGREEMENT APPEARS TO BE AN AGREEMENT  
TO NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT.GERARD

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